

STATE TRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
November 4, 2004
150 North 18th Avenue, Conference Room 540-A

Members Present:

Ben Bobrow (Chairman)	Debbie Johnston
Stewart Hamilton	John Porter
Steve Thompson	Alex Wilcox
Scott Petersen	Mark Venuti
Dan Judkins	Ingrid Bachtel
Bill Ashland	Rich Thacher
Stuart Alt	

Members Absent:

Peter Hershfield
Charles Frank Allen
David Bank
Jeff Farkas

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ben Bobrow, Chairman, called the regular meeting of the State Trauma Advisory Board to order at 9:10 a.m. A quorum was present.

II. DISCUSS/AMEND and/or APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mark Venuti and seconded by Scott Petersen to approve the agenda for November 4, 2004, and the minutes of September 23, 2004, with no corrections. **Motion carried.**

Dona Markley announced that a representative from the Office of Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response would be unable to attend the meeting today (item VII B) to share information concerning the Hospital Preparedness Program's Regional Planning and Integration of EMS Assessments. This will be rescheduled at a future STAB meeting.

III. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Dona Markley reported that the Director, Catherine Eden, is currently working with the tribal communities to find a representative for the "Representative from Tribal Health Organization" position as added by new laws in 2004. The hope is to have a representative by the January STAB meeting.

ADHS remains committed to the trauma designation rulemaking with an anticipated effective date of October 2005. As a result of a legal challenge to the draft rules that will allow for a third party to determine designation based on state rules, legislation has been drafted to modify the current statute by specifically authorizing the Department to make rules allowing for designation based on a determination by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) Committee on Trauma or by another nationally recognized organization that verifies a health care institutions' ability to provide trauma services at various levels. Catherine Eden has reviewed the draft language and forwarded it to the Governor's Office for approval. If the draft legislation is not approved to move forward, ADHS will look for an alternative solution. Catherine Eden and Rose Conner are very appreciative of the rules work group and STAB member's efforts on the draft rulemaking.

IV. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- A. **Membership Update** – Dona Markley announced that there are currently two vacancies on the Board. The Director has appointed Dr. Phillip Johnson as the “Representative From a Rural Advanced Life Support Base Hospital That Is Not a Trauma Center.”
- B. **Introduction of New Members** – Dona Markley introduced Debbie Johnston to the Board.
- C. **Status of Prior STAB Recommendations to ADHS** – This will be a standing agenda item at each meeting to provide an update on prior recommendations. Agenda item IV C lists the recommendation from the September 23, 2004, meeting and the subsequent actions taken by ADHS.

V. **REPORTS**

- A. **STAB Executive Committee** – Dr. Petersen reported that the STAB Executive Committee met October 27, 2004, and discussed:
 - The rulemaking process and legislation;
 - The role of STAB and its' responsibilities;
 - The frequency and content of data reports from the trauma registry once the registry is fully functional.
- B. **Trauma Data Update** – Richard Porter introduced David Harden, the new Trauma Registry Manager. Richard Porter reported that they are in the process of reviewing policy and procedures, and registry contents. They hope to have a preliminary report ready for the STAB meeting in January. This report will also provide some indication as to the accuracy of the data.

A question was asked on how the data would be submitted to the trauma registry. This process is being reviewed. Hospitals are currently required to report data quarterly.

Related recommendations made in the meeting included:

- STAB subcommittees focus on resolving issues as they are identified;
- Establish a mechanism to report which hospitals are submitting data in a timely fashion and which hospitals are not;
- Establish a mechanism to collect data from hospitals (such as rehab) that have received trauma patients following discharge from the trauma centers who have subsequently died in the other hospitals.

VI. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **Discussion and Action on Revision of Arizona Trauma Patient Identification and Field Triage Decision Standard**
A motion was made by Stuart Alt and seconded by John Porter to accept the revision as distributed for review. **Motion Carried**

- B. Trauma Legislation** – Dona Markley reported that in addition to what was previously reported under item number III, we do not have the proposed draft legislation. When we receive notice that the draft has been approved by the Governor to move forward, a copy will be e-mailed to the STAB members. The legal challenge we received as a result of the draft rulemaking was from Legislative Council.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Trauma Center Designation Rules** – Sarah Harpring briefly reviewed changes made to the Initial Working Draft of the Rules for Trauma Center Designation, resulting in Revision 4 dated 10/22/04. Revision 4 is intended to address the comments received at the STAB Verification/Designation Work Group (STAB Work Group) Meeting on October 19, 2004, and the Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association's request for rule language addressing application processing times. Language related to application processing times has been consolidated in a new R9-25-1315. Revision 4 is also intended to make the rules more clear and concise.

The next step is to disseminate the final draft to the EMS, trauma, and hospital communities for oral and written comments. Informal public meetings will be conducted in each region and one additional public meeting at ADHS in Phoenix.

Ben Bobrow thanked Sarah Harpring, Vicki Conditt, and Dona Markley for all their hard work on the Trauma Center Designation Rules.

Other points made at the meeting:

- ADHS has included a 39-month grandfather clause in the draft rules to allow self-designating Level 1 trauma centers to continue receiving Proposition 202 money while the trauma center seeks Level I designation.
- Clarification of the meaning of provisional designation.
- The American College of Surgeons (ACS) will not perform a verification site visit unless the facility has been providing trauma services for a minimum of nine months, but preferably one year.
- Volume requirements are dependent on the level of the trauma center;
- A question was asked regarding the definition of collaborative. The Department and STAB will develop an internal document to clarify what collaboration means and what will be acceptable.
- Footnote 14 in the Rules Exhibit, research requirement for a Level I trauma center is substantially more relaxed than the ACS criteria.
- Footnote 11 in the Rules Exhibit allows a number of residencies to meet the criteria - not just surgical residency.
- Footnote 13 is also more permissive than the ACS criteria.
- These relaxed criteria provide for a more inclusive system.

A motion was made by Scott Petersen and seconded by Stuart Alt to approve the Trauma Center Designation Rules - Revised Initial Working Draft – Revision number 4 dated 10/22/04, and move forward in the process. **Motion carried.**

Related recommendations made in the meeting included:

- Transfer agreements between facilities be established in writing to reflect that the transfers are already in place. A transfer agreement must be an agreement with another facility, not a group of physicians. This issue deviates from the original set of standards put forth by STAB.
- A member of STAB participates in the ACS site visits.
- The STAB Work Group meeting scheduled for November 9, 2004, be canceled. The Department is currently ahead of the rulemaking schedule by about 60 days.

B. Status of Hospital Preparedness Program's Regional Planning and Integration of the EMS Assessments

This item was postponed to a later date as announced previously.

VIII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Scott Petersen introduced Lloyd Westefer to the Board. Lloyd is a general surgeon from Scottsbluff, Nebraska. He has recently retired and moved to Tucson. Lloyd was instrumental in developing the state trauma system in Nebraska.

Stephen Powles reported that SB1412 was passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor. SB1412 establishes the Arizona Public Safety Communications Advisory Commission to make recommendations regarding the development of a state-of-the-art public safety interoperable communications network for Arizona, and a long-term interoperability plan for the use of the network.

IX. TRAINING OR EDUCATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements at this time.

X. NEXT MEETING

The next regular STAB meeting is January 20, 2005.

It was recommended that a speaker be invited to the next meeting to discuss the impact of recently passed Proposition 200 to trauma care.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Approved by: State Trauma Advisory Board

Date: January 20, 2005